

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT
CITY OF GRAPEVINE**

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation (GHF) Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau 2nd Floor Boardroom, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051 for their regular scheduled monthly meeting.

Curtis Ratliff
Balla Wright
Janet Perkins
Becky Hummer
Frances Jensen

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Member
Member

Mike Lease

City Council Liaison

The above constituting a quorum with member(s) Melva Stanfield, Sue Franks and Patricia Stinson absent.

With the following city staff present:

Paula Newman

David Klempin
Cody Jolliff
Mary Bush

Managing Director of Operations,
Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau
Heritage Preservation Programs Manager
Nash Farm Manager
Administrative

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis Ratliff called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and thanked all for attending.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

Any person who is not scheduled on the agenda may address the Historic Preservation Commission under Citizen Comments by completing a Citizen Appearance Request form. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Advisory Board is restricted in discussing or taking action during Citizen Comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Balla Wright made the motion to accept the minutes as written from the January 17, 2018 meeting. Becky Hummer seconded the motion, which prevailed in the following vote:

Ayes: All (Ratliff, Wright, Perkins and Hummer)

Nays: None

Absent: Stanfield, Franks and Stinson

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Janet Perkins reported 215 active members in January; membership renewal notices were mailed out; and \$475 was received in donations. City Council Liaison Mike Lease asked if all GHF Advisory Board members were currently active; Secretary Perkins answered, yes and reported the AMBUC's date he arranged for the GHF Speakers Bureau to speak to the group was scheduled for March 20, 2018.

Farm Manager Cody Jolliff reported the Nash Farm *First Friday* program celebrated the Nation's First President, a very popular late Victorian tradition, with 30 people attending. The following day on Saturday, February 3, the Farm hosted the *Victorian Valentines* family program for its second year, with 39 paid admissions and many others coming later in the day. On Saturday, February 10, staff held a *Victorian Candy Making Workshop*. The McPherson smokehouse was moved to the Farm, it will sit on perimeter beams with four joists to support it. Treasurer Balla Wright reported \$12,500 had been pledged for annual sponsorships to include the spring and fall events. She asked each member of the Foundation's Advisory Board to bring in at least one sponsor, asking all to focus on the education assets of the Farm. Council Liaison Mike Lease asked for 20 of the spiral sponsorship folders and 40 copies of the one page Nash Farm Sponsorship Opportunities to be brought to the March 20th AMBUCs meeting with the GHF Speakers Bureau program.

Managing Director of Operations for the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau Paula Newman reported on the Palace Arts Center (PAC) saying January was a good month with 51 new and 45 rebookings; 2,975 guests attending; \$24,342 in rental income and Friday night would be a special evening with a Kraig Parker dinner concert. The British Emporium will celebrate their 25th anniversary in Grapevine on February 24 with an afternoon movie, "A Fish Called Wanda", and a special night with tribute band "A Hard Nights Day" performing at the Palace Theatre. Maintenance for the PAC included continued roofing quotes and a request for quotes to replace one of the air conditioning units.

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Manager Cody Jolliff shared with the board his PowerPoint presentation as was shown at the *Texas Living History Association's Annual Conference* in Abilene at the end of January; securing the January 2019 conference to be held in Grapevine. He said the conference would host 100 – 150 attendees seeking programs for skills and

trades, utilizing many of our heritage locations in Grapevine. He called on the board for their help during the conference with introductions; he shared a postcard to be mailed out to local museums and historic associations.

Chairman Ratliff called on the Foundation's board to get involved and help. The conference is planned for Thursday education class tours of Historic Main Street; Friday will be Farmers Institute Workshops; Saturday will be "hands on" educational sessions; and Sunday will be a half day of sessions ending at noon. The conference dinner will be a ball, hopefully in the Grand Hall, with a 19th century brass band. Treasurer Wright asked if there would be period dress and was answered yes it will be needed for the Friday evening reception at Nash Farm.

The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) will be held in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on June 1 – 5, 2018, *Interpreting Our Multicultural Past* is the theme. The conference will be co-hosted by the Cherokee Nation and the Oklahoma Historical Society. Northeastern University will have some rooms available on campus, in the upper classmen apartments, in what used to be the Cherokee Girls School. Nash Farm staff will be presenting historic programming. Chairman Ratliff encouraged all to attend and stated he had a real appreciation for what Cody does.

David Klempin gave the update on the McPherson Farmhouse showing the description with photograph as advertised. He said 47 bid packets had been requested and he had held an Open House on Sunday, February 18, from 2 – 4 p.m. with approximately 40 visitors. The house is 1,960 square feet on an 11,000 square feet lot; the electrical wiring will have to be replaced and there is room for an addition of a master bedroom suite, baths and a two-car garage on the west side. Chairman Ratliff noted the structure of the existing house is good with good bones from the "get-go", perhaps built by the Grapevine's Estill Family of carpenters. The house is in excellent condition as it has always held a family and not stood vacant. The 1903 Blevins House at 428 East Wall Street was approved before the Board of Zoning Appeals and is now ready for foundation work to begin.

DISTRIBUTION OF LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – Board member Janet Perkins reported the items discussed were staff approved, followed by a training for Crisis Management presented by Matt Feryan of the City of Grapevine's Emergency Management team.

Grapevine Historical Society (GHS) - Chairman Ratliff said the guest speaker was excellent and the author of *Women of Texas A 300 Year History*. He told of one of the women, an anesthesiologist in 1910, the first female hired in Texas by a Dr. Scott. Dr. Scott worked with a Dr. White in New York City who later came to Texas, they became Scott White Hospital. The woman anesthesiologist served there until 1939.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) – Paula Newman said they are readying for the St. Patrick's Day mission; several hoteliers and partners will be participating including a Master Lego Builder at a Lego retail store. She reported TEXRail is working to get the six miles from North Richland Hills and Colleyville into Grapevine ready for the new train

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cars. The Grapevine Vintage Railroad will begin running again on March 3 and 4th with the *Kiss Me I'm Irish* train with Irish hors d'oeuvres and craft brew. The *Jazz Wine Trains* are on March 23 and 24 and the *Day Out with Thomas* in mid-April. The GVRR train cars have been painted and refurbished.

The McPherson barn has been moved to the Heritage Center, they will begin the foundation after the Blevins House foundation is completed. Artist Stylye Read is scheduled to begin in March, painting the mural in the Grand Hall, it will begin with prehistoric with Grapevine's dinosaur foot prints to modern day. The Festival & Events and Parks & REC storage building will be built on the east end of the Convention Center property, completion is planned for mid-December. Board and Council will attend the March 21, 2018 Texas Travel Industry Association's Unity Dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

Balla Wright, seconded by Becky Hummer, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: All (Ratliff, Wright, Perkins and Hummer)

Nays: None

Absent: Stanfield, Franks and Stinson

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION,
THE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MINUTES, ON THIS THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2018.

APPROVED:


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SECRETARY